

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF TELLS OF WATER SCARCITY

Binns Says He Couldn't Properly Fight Blaze in the Parker Building.

STRANGE ADMISSIONS.

Does Not Know on Which Side of Streets Are Odd Numbers.

Deputy Fire Chief Binns was examined to-day by the Commissioners of Accounts, who are investigating the fire in the Parker Building. Binns was in command of the fire-fighting force in the absence of Chief Croker, who was in Philadelphia at the time the fire started.

Chief Binns described the quick spread of the flames and the crash which carried three firemen to death. The fire could have been controlled at an early stage, the witness said, had there been an ample supply of water. On account of this scarcity he had to telephone to the Water Department to open the gates and increase the volume.

Asked About Precautions.

Commissioner Mitchell asked many questions calculated to show that by proper precautions the lives of the men who were sacrificed could have been saved.

Q. Could not the streams have been directed so as to protect the imperiled men? A. Yes, but only through certain openings.

Q. Why did you not employ those openings? A. I did not know of them at the time. The officer in charge of the interior was inside the building.

Q. Did the officer in charge inside the building report the conditions he found there? A. He did not.

Q. Isn't it customary for him to do so? A. It is not.

Q. Why couldn't you reach the building with water from across the street? A. Because of insufficient supply.

Q. How do you distinguish between supply and pressure? A. I don't attempt to.

Questioned regarding lack of mains in important thoroughfares, pressure and hydrants, Deputy Chief Binns said he was not qualified to answer. He said that firemen, as a rule, are not required to know about mains and the best sources of water supply. All firemen, he said, is to attach a hose to the nearest hydrant and take chances on getting water. The witness also admitted that he could not state whether odd numbers of residences were on the north or south side of intersecting streets. Binns has been in the department thirty years.

Chief Binns was required to verify reports by each of the companies at the Parker Building fire. The majority of these reports declared that there was sufficient water supply, an average of 20 gallons a minute being produced. The fact that three engines were connected at the same time to the Nineteenth street six-inch main was shown by these reports. It is in evidence that one engine is capable of exhausting the capacity of a six-inch main. The three companies on the Nineteenth street six-inch main naturally reported "insufficient supply."

Q. Do you think that the engines were properly placed at the fire? A. That is something I had nothing to do with.

Pressure Not Adequate.

Binns, in the face of the reports, maintained that the pressure at the nozzle was not adequate and that there was insufficient water. He added that the collapse of the floors, which could not be prevented by the operations of those in charge. Had a full nozzle pressure been obtainable, he added, the water towers and the lines carried into the interior would have extinguished the fire.

Commissioner Mitchell brought out the fact that hydrants only a block distant were not connected with, while engines were attached to hydrants two and a half blocks away.

BOY SHOTS SERVANT DEAD IN MOTHER'S HOME.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 24.—Paul Webb, the twelve-year-old son of Mrs. W. C. Webb, of Wynonette, a suburb, last night accidentally shot and killed a servant in the Webb home. The boy walked across the dining-room with a revolver in his hand just as a servant entered the doorway, and at the same instant the revolver was discharged and the bullet, the boy declares, penetrated through the girl's head and she fell dead across the threshold of the door.

The boy was paroled in the custody of his mother, who was not at home at the time of the shooting. The girl's full name has not been learned. She was known to the family as Maria.

FREDERICK DER GROSSE DELAYED.

The liner Kaiser Frederick der Grosse, of the North German Lloyd line, which is stormbound off Sandy Hook, was scheduled to sail to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock on her return trip. Owing to the delay she will not sail until Monday morning, at 11.

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Could Not Prevent "L" Disaster in 1905, Accused Motorman Testifies.

Paul Kelly, the former Interborough motorman, who is on trial in Part I. of General Sessions for homicide, took the stand in his own behalf before Judge Malone and the jury to-day to give his account of the disaster of Sept. 1, 1905, at Fifty-third street and Ninth avenue, when a southbound train jumped from the "L" tracks and sent one car to the street, with a loss of sixteen lives.

Kelly said that he had been a practical railroad man for thirteen years prior to the disaster. As he reached the Sixty-sixth street station on the fatal morning, he got what was known as a "skip order," instructing him to pass by the Fifty-third street station. Between Fifty-seventh street and Fifty-sixth street he swore that he saw the "home signal" flash up and went ahead at the regular speed of fifteen miles an hour. When he was only three car lengths away the "not" signal suddenly showed, indicating that the switch had been reversed. He thinks Jackson, the towerman, discovered too late that an on-coming train was a Ninth avenue train and not a Sixth avenue train and tried to swing back the switch.

According to Kelly there was no time to check his speed. However, he did apply the brake. The first car got by, but a broken flange or a defective frog, he thinks, flung the second car off the tracks and one end of it crashed to the street.

Kelly escaped injury. When he saw what had happened he said he lost his head completely. He stood helpless, watching the struggles of the victims who had been penned down in the wreckage. Jackson, the towerman, ran up to him and said to him: "What are we going to do?"

Then Kelly, foreseeing that he would be expected to share the blame, fled to the house of a friend at One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street and Third avenue, where he hid all day. In the afternoon he saw the newspapers and read that he was accused of criminal negligence. He crossed on a ferry to Newark, remained there in hiding two days, and then went to St. Louis, where he had once lived. From St. Louis he drifted to New Mexico, and thence to San Francisco, where he was arrested in 1901.

WEED'S \$900,000 CLAIM ALL IN, DEFENSE BEGINS

Promoter Finishes Tale of His Negotiations with Wu Ting Fang.

Thurloe Weed Barnes concluded his story before Justice Davis and a jury to-day, of how he earned the \$900,000, for which he is suing the Chinese Railway Syndicate of twenty-seven New York millionaires, by securing concessions under which they might monopolize the coal mining, railroad building, telegraph, telephone and practically every other line of business in China.

Former Supreme Court Justice Charles F. Brown will put him on the grill for cross-examination Monday.

"Senator Barnes told me I ought to have a guardian," said Barnes, in relating how he had been "frozen out" of his two shares by the others in the Brice's "Diamond Necktie" syndicate. "Brice said I might be able to jolly Wu Ting Fang and deal with the Chinese Government, but that I was a mere child when it came to questions of mere finance," said Barnes.

On the subject of my compensation, Brice told me not to worry; that I'd be compensated, and he took me down to see Fred Olcott. Brice, Olcott and Cross had been selected as managing committee of the reorganized syndicate. Olcott said: "Now, Brice, you are placing me in a very delicate position. Barnes and I come from the same town. I have known the family for fifty years. Now, you go up and settle this with Cross. Whatever he says I'll agree to. Barnes is too close to me."

I told Brice I wanted no money then, but some sort of an agreement in writing. He asked if I would take \$15,000 for the railway concessions and let the rest stand over. I refused to do that.

"I told Brice his suggestion wasn't fair, and we failed to agree." At this point was introduced a letter from W. W. Brice, treasurer of the reorganization, and who is the nominal defendant in the trial, to Barnes, dated Oct. 5, 1901. It informed him that he would not receive any compensation, the syndicate having so resolved. Charles J. Hardy offered in evidence a supplemental contract of 1902 between the American-China Development Company and the China Government. The paper was admitted "for what it was worth" in connection with the report of William W. Rockhill, former Assistant Secretary of State and United States Commissioner to China in 1901 and 1902.

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